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Unemployment May-July

Average unemployment in the Netherlands was 132 thousand in the months May to July. Unemployment has decreased by an average three thousand people a month in the past year, according to the latest figures from Statistics Netherlands.

Seasonal effects usually push down unemployment at this time of year. Once these effects have been removed the figure is 146 thousand, three thousand fewer than in April to June.

Long-term trend

As the figures are based on a sample survey, they are subject to a certain margin of error. Therefore the trend in unemployment is best considered in a longer term perspective. Compared with twelve months previously the figure was 39 thousand lower, corresponding with a fall of three thousand a month on average. Although figures for the last four months show little change, it is still too early to conclude that the decrease in unemployment has come to an end. The figures for the coming months will tell us more in this respect.

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